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Sir:

In reply to the Office action of November 12, 2004, it is respectfully requested that the following amendment and remarks be entered and considered for further prosecution of the above-identified application:

A M E N D M E N T

IN THE CLAIMS:

Cancel Claim 4, amend Claims 1 and 5 to 12, and enter new Claims 14 to 22 as indicated in the Listing of Claims set forth in Appendix I attached to this paper.

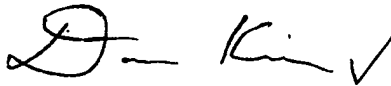
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a claimed invention does not support a conclusion of obviousness⁸). The subject matter of the newly added claims is therefore also deemed to be patentable under Section 103(a) over either one of the teachings of *Weis*, *Jost* and *Di Placido* when taken in view of the disclosure of *Wissman*. Favorable action is solicited.

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Encl.: THE LISTING OF CLAIMS (Appendix I)

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8) Cf. *In re Gordon*, 733 F.2d 900, 221 USPQ 1125 (CAFC 1984); see also, eg., *Interconnect. Planning Corp. v. Feil*, 774 F.2d 1132, 227 USPQ 543 (CAFC 1985).